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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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Reply To

Attn Of: HW-113

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Mr. Craig S. Trueblood Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis 1400 Seafirst Financial Center West 601 Riverside Avenue Spokane, Washington 99201-0636

Re: Pasco Sanitary Landfill Site - Petition for Partial Delisting

Dear Mr. Trueblood:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition of January 14, 1994 requesting partial deletion of the Pasco Sanitary Landfill from the National Priorities List (NPL). The Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of evaluating your request.

We plan to coordinate our evaluation and response with the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE). Lynda Priddy of my staff has spoken with Guy Gregory, the WDOE Site Manager for the Pasco site, about your petition.

You requested that we act expeditiously on your request. Additionally, you implied that you understood that there was no formal process for a partial deletion of a site from the NPL. We will contact you after we have had the opportunity to do a preliminary review of your petition to discuss our findings.

If you have any questions please call Lynda Priddy of my staff at (206) 553-1987.

Sincerely,

Carol Rushin, Chief

Superfund Remedial Branch

cc: Lynda Priddy

Guy Gregory, WDOE

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January 19, 1994

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This is the original letter. A copy and the documents were already forwarded to Lynda

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January 14, 1994

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Mr. Randy Smith
Director, Hazardous Waste Division
Region 10
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Pasco Sanitary Landfill Site - Petition for Partial Delisting

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is a Petition to remove part of the Pasco Sanitary Landfill Site ("Site") from the National Priorities List ("NPL"). As you may know, the Site is also on Ecology's Hazardous Sites List. As such, the Petition is being made jointly to both the Department of Ecology and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Carol Fleskes, Manager of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program, will receive an original Petition and a complete set of exhibits under separate cover.

As explained in more detail in the Petition, the first phase of the remedial investigation have been completed at the Site. It has now been thoroughly documented that there have been no releases of hazardous substances on the northern 52 acres of this 250 acre Site. In fact, the 52 acre northern parcel was recently permitted by the Benton-Franklin County Health Department, with Ecology's concurrence, for solid waste disposal in new lined landfill cells.

Unfortunately, as a result of the stigma associated with the new landfill cell's location within the boundaries of an NPL site, potential customers are unwilling to use this state-of-the-art facility. The owner and the operator of the new landfill cell are losing money every day that this portion of the Site remains on the NPL. Ultimately, this will make the remediation of the Site more costly for potentially liable parties, including local governments which contributed waste to the old landfill.

Thus, time is of the essence. We ask that EPA (and Ecology) expedite their consideration of this Petition. We understand that

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there is no specific time-line under which the agencies must respond. We will be contacting your office shortly to determine the amount of time needed to process this Petition and conduct the necessary public comment period. If there is anything we can do to facilitate the process, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Very truly yours,

PRESTON THORGRIMSON SHIDLER GATES & ELLIS

Craig S. Trueblood

ccs (w/o Exhibit B, Phase I RI Report):

Carol Fleskes, Ecology - Lacey Jackson Fox, Regional Counsel Larry Dietrich, PSL John Zillich, Technico Environmental